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LINKING DEVICE	§	
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Applicant: Fortin et al .	§	GA No.: pending
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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests that the following amendments be made to the specification, including the claims, by means of the marked up substitute specification attached.